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SUBJECT: FY-75 SELF HELP

1. EMBASSY NOW FULLY OBLIGATED AND EAGER TO MAKE ADDITIONAL IAA'S ASAP. WE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT NEW FUNDS FOURTH QUARTER TRANCHE ARRIVE SOON ENOUGH TO COMPLETE BEFORE BEGINNING OF RAINY SEASON SEVERAL AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS THAT WILL INCREASE FOOD PRODUCTION, RAISE INCOMES OF POOREST RURAL FAMILIES AND INVOLVE FARMERS DIRECTLY IN IMPROVING THEIR LIVES. TO GIVE ONE EXAMPLE, PEACE CORPS AG VOLUNTEER LEADER HAS REQUESTED \$3600 FOR EXTENSION OF PREVIOUS PROJECT WHICH BUILDS SMALL DAMS AND WATER CONTROL SYSTEMS IN NEWLY DEVELOPED RICE SWAMPS. DAMS AND DRAINAGE SYSTEMS, WHICH BUILT WITH LABOR OF FARMERS, MUST BE COMPLEMENTED BY SMALL CONCRETE SLUICEGATE. GOSL, WORLD FOOD PROGRAM, CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES AND PEACE CORPS ARE COOPERATING ON IMPLEMENTATION THIS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL PROJECT. WE ESTIMATE THAT FOR EACH BAG OF CEMENT (\$4.50) WE CAN OPEN UP ONE ACRE OF LAND PRODUCING A TON OF RICE A YEAR NOT COUNTING MULTIPLE CROPPING. HOWEVER, WE HAVE ONLY ESTIMATED SIXTY DAYS BEFORE RAINS WILL MAKE FURTHER WORK IMPOSSIBLE. REQUEST THEREFORE SOONEST POSSIBLE NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOURTH TRANCHE FUNDS FOR SIERRA LEONE.

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